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Bizerte

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I spoke to Foy about the Brandt letter and he makes these points:

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2. On the UN, he says that the Secretary's feeling is that the Afro-Asians are so mad at us on account of Bizerte, that we would not do well in any organ on Berlin at the moment. (I'll check further with Harlan Cleveland on this one.)

It is not so important to do with.

3. Our answer ~~can~~ to Brandt ought to be very much along the lines of Bruce's telegram: The only way to get a reversal of recent events is to straighten out the whole situation from which they arise. This means going forward with our military preparations and moving toward parleys on the basis of these preparations. This we propose to do.

4. Foy will try to have a draft reply to the Brandt letter at the close of business today.

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n Henry Owen

Am. Embassy : Mr. Clay in Clay?

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